GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:988
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO KONKAN LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Konkani has since been included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution; and

(b) if so, the annual grants provided by the Government to develop this language?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore (CIIL) and its Regional Language Centres (RLCs) look after the promotion of various Indian languages including Konkani. Grants are released by the Ministry of Human Resource Development to CILL and RLCs for implementation of schemes for development and promotion of Indian languages. During the last three years CIIL has conducted various academic programmes for Konkani language and released grants as under:-

Year	Grants released
2001-02	Rs. 27,907
2002-03	Rs. 78,468
2003-04	Rs. 1,81,279